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To,
Principal Secretary,
Urban Development & Environment Deptt.
3rd Floor, Mantralaya Vallabh Bhawan,
Bhopal.

Sub:- Case No 2412/2015 Prior Environmental Clearance for proposed Project " Affordable Housing Scheme located at Khasra No. 4,7 & 8, Gram Barrai, Phase-I Near Katara Hills Tehsil & District Bhopal M.P. Plot Area - 1,58,900 sq.m.(15.890 ha) Proposed Built Up Area - 1,30,285 sq.m. M.P. by Bhopal Development Authority through Shri Kumar Purushottam Pragati Bhawan, Press Complex, Hoshangabad Road, Near Dainik Building, Zone-I, Maharana Pratap Nagar, Bhopal- 462011

The case was discussed in 197th SEIAA meeting dtd 07.05.2015 and it is recorded that

- (1) *The proposed project is building & construction Affordable Housing Scheme located at Khasra No. 4,7 & 8, Gram Barrai, Phase-I Near Katara Hills Tehsil & District Bhopal M.P. The total built-up area of 1,30,285 sq.m hence the project comes under 8 (a) category (B) of schedule of EIA Notification, 2006.*
- (2) *Application for Prior Environmental Clearance was submitted by PP received in SEIAA office 21.01.15*
- (3) *The case was registered and forwarded to SEAC for appraisal on 27.01.15.*
- (4) *The case was discussed in 173rd SEAC meeting dtd 23.02.2015 and recorded that "PP has reported that construction activity has already been initiated at the site after obtaining approval from the State Town & Country Planning Department. In view of the violation of the provisions of EIA Notification, credible action has to be initiated against the Project Proponent before considering the project for further appraisal. Hence the case was deferred till receipt of evidence pertaining to initiation of credible action against the PP by the concerned authority".*
- (5) *PP vide letter dtd. 01.05.15 has requested to exempt the affordable housing project from credible action as per MoEF, GoI, OM No. J-110131/41/2006-IA-II (I) dtd 12.12.2012*
- (6) *The case was discussed in depth and the Authority is of the view that from the content of the above letter, it is noteworthy the project has been designed on a low cost basis with limited budget to cater the needs of the economically weaker section. The stipulations of the MoEF&CC, OM dated 19.06.2013 for appraisal of building construction cases can't be fulfilled through the affordable housing scheme norms. There has been a mismatch on this count. A letter should be addressed to the Principal Secretary, Urban Development & Environment Department requesting him to take up this matter with the MoEF&CC, GoI.*
- (7) *PP is directed to stop the construction activities with immediate effect and should not undertake any kind of construction/development till a final decision in this regard is taken."*

In view of above you are kindly requested to take up the matter with MoEF & CC, GoI. A copy of MoEF&CC, OM dated 19.06.2013 is enclosed herewith for reference.

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Dated:- **6.6.15**

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